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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION IN UNCTAD SUGAR NEGOTIA-
TIONS, APRIL 18-MAY 27, 1977

1. FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BRIEFING
PAPER ON ABOVE SUBJECT PREPARED BY EB (PILKAUSKAS) FOR
SECRETARY BERGLAND'S VISIT TO PHILIPPINES: QUOTE:
BACKGROUND:

A. PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION IN THE UNCTAD SUGAR CONFERENCE
WAS LIMITED TO TWO OR THREE INTERVENTIONS TOWARDS THE END
OF THE CONFERENCE, NONE OF WHICH WERE SUBSTANTIVE.

B. UNTIL AMBASSADOR BENEDICTO (ACCREDITED TO JAPAN) AR-
RIVED FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF THE CONFERENCE THE PHILIP-
PINE DELEGATION SAID NOTHING. THE PHILIPPINES WERE NOT
INCLUDED IN THE MAJOR WORKING GROUPS SINCE THEY SHOWED NO
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INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE.
IN FACT, MANY EXPORTER DELEGATES ASSUMED THE PHILIPPINES
MIGHT NOT JOIN AN AGREEMENT IF ONE EMERGED.

C. AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTERS OF SUGAR T;E
PHILIPPINES DID A POOR JOB OF PROTECTING ITS OWN INTERESTS.
WHEN BENEDICTO ARRIVED HE TOLD THE U.S. DELEGATION THAT HE

SUPPORTED THE U.S. APPROACH BUT PREFERRED A BILATERAL DEAL FOR SUGAR SALES TO THE U.S. HE WAS TOLD REPEATEDLY THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WAS NOT POSSIBLE AND THE U.S. INTENDED TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA) THE CORNERSTONE OF U.S. SUGAR POLICY. AFTER THIS WAS RE-AFFIRMED BY PRESIDENT CARTER, THE PHILIPPINES THEN TOOK A SLIGHTLY MORE ACTIVE ROLE. IT WAS ADDED TO A 10 NATION (3 MAJOR IMPORTERS; 7 MAJOR EXPORTERS) CONTACT GROUP WHERE THE MOST SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE. THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION PROPOSED THAT ITS LONG TERM CONTRACTS WITH THE U.S. BE CLASSIFIED AS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS THE EC-ACP ARRANGEMENT, WITHOUT SUCCESS.

2. TALKING POINTS:

A. THE U.S. STILL HOPES TO NEGOTIATE A SUCCESSFUL ISA AND USE IT AS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR NATIONAL SUGAR POLICY.

B. WE DO NOT INTEND TO RETURN TO A COUNTRY QUOTA SYSTEM.

C. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED CONTACT WITH PHILIPPINE REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON, LONDON AND MANILA TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL ISA NEGOTIATION.

D. THE U.S. DOES NOT VIEW THE LONG TERM CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND PRIVATE U.S. REFINERS AS A PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENT WHICH GUARANTEES ACCESS TO OUR MARKET. END QUOTE.

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3. FOREGOING IS NOT IN RESPONSE TO MANILA 8624 AND SHOULD NOT BE USED IN PUBLIC COMMENT. VANCE

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